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Dear Harold,

Your recent letter indicates that you did not understand what I was saying. How can you criticize that which ostensibly exists but which you haven't seen? Are we all to second-guess everyone else's work, whether we have seen it or not?

Maggie now recalls Lamarre saying that James Hepburn would be revealed at a dinner in Moscow in February.

Lamarre was in San Francisco two weeks ago. I asked Paul Hoch to send details to you and I. Rose called me today and said that he was approached by Lamarre and asked to work for him. Rose doesn't trust the Frenchman and thinks he may be working for our opposition. He's consulting with Ivon on what to do. Left the door open. I don't think Rose is as bad as some think.

Maggie recalls a Time Mag article listing one Phillippe Vosjoly as a French agent in the U.S. A Jaffe memo (enclosed) sent to my by the office by mistake, indicates the last name is Gerintes. News article in October mentioned a French agent was arrested in Manitoba for stirring up the French Canadiens - named Philippe Rosillion.

I further recall that when I was in Soroquere's office with Lamarre, a third man was there. He was not introduced to me. He was about 6'2" tall, 200 lbs., very large frame, about 45 years, dark hair and complexion. Maggie says it is not Bergot.

Maggie says Bergot is 5'5" tall, slight build, brown hair and eyes, thin, long face with high forehead and prominent temples, sallow complexion talks little, no humor or charm, dower personality.

Soroquere's office was a fairly plush affair, shared with another attorney, somewhat concealed in the rear of 34 Ave. Kleber upstairs. Furnishing was 18th Century in good taste. I don't know who has the other office.

I'll try to check French Who's Who this week. Will send you copy of French edition (return $5 if you can, if not forget it).

Your letter employs offensive words that far exaggerate the situation. I have never asked, and have never expected, any special consideration because of my age and inexperience. Don't begin with that now. If my mistakes are really as serious as the words you choose indicate, you have no choice but to have nothing further to do with me. If you choose to continue but continue to use such inaccurate and insulting language, I will take the initiative myself.

School is begun and harder now. I still get tired too easily and can't function more than 8-10 hours. Rose memo may be delayed.

Sincerely yours,

Steven J. Burton

P.S.

Maggie has N.Y. Times article on Hepburn if you don't have it. Please trust me and, without questions, send info. on Joel Palmer. You are the first to cast doubt on him.

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